(b) Normally salt commodity is given 'D' Priority, but if movement of iodised salt or salt for iodisation is recommended by Salt Commissioner's Office, it is given 'C' Priority, with the approval of Zonal Railways.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Railway rakes are being supplied as per demand.

Service benefits to transshipment workers

4093. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority granted service benefits to transshipment workers of Transshipment Shed, Tiruchirappally after the order dated 4th February, 1987 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. No. 171/86;

(b) if so, whether authorities would apply above order while considering the service benefits of servers/bearers who served as commission servers/bearers in the catering wing of commercial department of Southern Railway and who were latter named as salary bearers/servers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Hon'ble Supreme Court by a judgement dated 4.2.1987 in W.P. No. 171/86 directed the Railway Administration to treat piece rate labourers of Transshipment Shed, Tiruchirappally as temporary employees. As such 276 piece rate employees were absorbed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Neither the facts nor the law laid down in the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Judgement dated 4.2.1987 (W.P. No. 171/86) is applicable to the cases of Commission Bearers/Servers.

Mishap at unmanned level crossing near Kancheepuram

4094. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that a recent major mishap occurred at the